

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
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*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

*See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

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